VSP Public Comment

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Should Calfornia reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

I want to comment briefly on the recent proposed standards by Diebold for a paper ballot
trail for recount purposes in California voting. The thermal paper roll system with tiny
type proposed by Diebold is inadequate for purposes of establishing a paper audit trail in
California elections. The intent of this proposal seems to be to discourage recount
requests by making it complicated, expensive, and tedious. Instead, I want to recommend
that paper records need to be in the form of a single sheet for each voter printed in
permanent ink with at least 11-point type.The record should be formatted so that it is
easy to use for a possible hand recount.

Equally disturbing is the proposed wireless and internet access to be built into our
voting system, which I can only view as an open invitation to hacking this insecure
software.

Also, I am not sure why the State is still trying to do business with Diebold, who by
rights should already be banned here for their criminal acts in selling uncertified voting
software to the state.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one
record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election
officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and
hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or
electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any
particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be
counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.